

REMARKS

The only issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C §103 and the Doctrine of Obviousness-Double Patenting. Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the discussion below, is respectfully requested.

At the outset, it is noted that the Office Action indicates the allowability of claim 12. Thus, this claim has been placed in independent form.

Claims 1-11 and 13-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §103 over Yanai, et al. '353. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

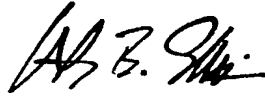
It is argued, on page 2 of the Office Action, that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute a compound having a -OCF₂-linking group, versus a -CF₂O-linking group, as shown in example 9 of the reference. While Applicants do not agree with this analysis, in as much as the Office Action has not addressed motivation of one of ordinary skill in the art to make such a substitution (and, moreover, it is not seen that one of ordinary skill in the art could predict the effect of such a substitution), the claims have been amended in order to expedite prosecution, and for business reasons, so as to obviate the rejection. It is thus respectfully submitted that this issue is moot.

Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14-17 have been rejected under the Doctrine of Obviousness-Double Patenting over various claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,066,268. The attached Terminal Disclaimer renders this rejection moot.

The claims of the application are thus submitted to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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